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E.O. 11652: GDS  
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SUBJECT: FRG REPLY TO CARAMANLIS LETTER

1. FRG EMBASSY MINISTER LAHUSEN PROVIDED TO DEPTOFF TODAY FOLLOWING GIST OF SCHMIDT'S REPLY OF SEPTEMBER 17 TO CARAMANLIS LETTER OF AUGUST 28.

2. AFTER THANKING CARAMANLIS FOR HIS LETTER, SCHMIDT INDICATED HE HAD POSTPONED HIS ANSWER UNTIL HE HAD OCCASION TO TALK WITH MAVROS DURING THE LATTER'S VISIT TO BONN. ASSURING THE FRG'S FRIENDSHIP FOR GREECE AND THE CARAMANLIS GOVERNMENT, SCHMIDT SAID THAT THE FRG WOULD UNDERTAKE ALL EFFORTS TO HELP GREECE AND THE GREEK GOVERNMENT IN THE DIFFICULT SITUATION RESULTING FROM THE UNFORTUNATE EVENTS IN CYPRUS. SCHMIDT SAID THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT REGRETS ESPECIALLY THAT GREEK GOVERNMENT FELT FORCED TO TAKE GREECE OUT OF NATO'S INTEGRATED MILITARY ORGANIZATION. HE NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THAT GREECE WILL REMAIN A MEMBER

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OF THE ALLIANCE AND HOLD TO ITS FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES.

FURTHER, SCHMIDT SAID HE HAD LEARNED FROM CARAMANLIS LETTER THAT GREECE SEES THE EAST-WEST SITUATION AS UNCHANGED. FROM THIS, SCHMIDT SAID HE CONCLUDED THAT THE GREEK GOVERNMENT WANTS TO AVOID THE WEAKENING OF NATO'S POSITION ON ITS SOUTHWESTERN FLANK. THEREFORE,

SCHMIDT WELCOMED THE CARAMANLIS PROPOSAL TO DISCUSS WITH THE ALLIES THE PRACTICAL MEASURES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GREEK DECISION. SCHMIDT CONCLUDED WITH AN EXPRESSION OF HOPE THAT A THOROUGH, COMMON DISCUSSION OF THE SECURITY SITUATION IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN WILL LEAD TO RESULTS WHICH CORRESPOND TO THE BASIC SECURITY REQUIREMENTS OF THE ALLIANCE AND ITS MEMBERS.

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